

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1803

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Kansas State University football coach Bill Snyder.

WHEREAS, Bill Snyder, the head football coach at Kansas State University for the past 17 years retired at the end of the 2005 season after having been recognized as the architect of the “greatest turnaround in the history of college football”; and

WHEREAS, When hired in 1988, the Kansas State University football team was suffering from a record of zero wins, 26 losses and one tie. Under Coach Snyder’s direction in the succeeding years, the team amassed a record of 136 wins, 68 losses and one tie, an amazing record considering that in the 51 seasons before his arrival the team had only 130 victories. Under Coach Snyder, Kansas State teams were perennially ranked among the nation’s elite, finishing 11 of the last 13 years in the Associated Press Top 20, and enjoying a six year period when the team finished each season in the Top 10 and played in 11 bowl games. Coach Snyder was named the National Coach of the Year in 1991, 1994 and 1998 and was elected Conference Coach of the Year five times by his peers. Perhaps his most memorable feat was the team’s upset victory over No. 1 Oklahoma in the 2003 Big 12 Championship game. He leaves Kansas State ranked No. 7 among active coaches in winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, Coach Snyder’s tenure at Kansas State produced three national award winners, 45 All America selections and 68 All Conference honorees; and

WHEREAS, Coach Snyder’s impact at Kansas State has reached far beyond the football field. In addition to rekindling an overwhelming sense of pride among Kansas State alumni and supporters from coast to coast, the winning culture he created helped spark a university-wide renaissance as Kansas State’s enrollment grew from 18,120 when he was hired to the current enrollment of nearly 24,000. As stated by Kansas State president Jon Wefald, “One of the greatest decisions that I have made in my years as president was to hire Coach Bill Snyder.” Coach Snyder will remain at the university as a special assistant to the athletics director. In recognition of the legacy Bill Snyder leaves at Kansas State University, the football stadium has been named the Bill Snyder Family Stadium: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That the body congratulates and commends Bill Snyder for 17 years of dedication and commitment to excellence. He leaves a legacy of inspiring leadership and great football for Kansas State University, the state of Kansas and for Wildcats everywhere; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Coach Bill Snyder, Room 142, Bramlage Coliseum, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506 and to President Jon Wefald, Room 110, Anderson Hall, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Senate Resolution No. 1803 was sponsored by Senator Stephen Morris.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*